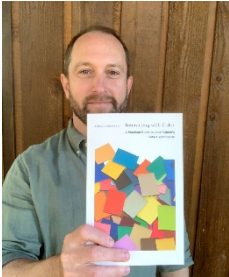
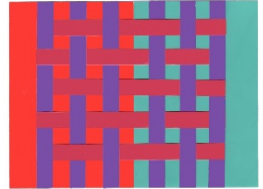


April 2025 Newsletter

Dear HAL Members and Friends,



At the last 2024-25 meeting on **May 13th**, **Fritz Horstman** will give a presentation entitled **“Interacting With Color: Joseph Albers’s Color Experiments and the Art Of Fritz Horstman”**. Horstman will give a 45 minute presentation that covers both his new book z’Interacting with Color: A Practical Guide to Josef Albers’s Color Experimentsz’ and his own artwork. Comprising eight experiments from Josef Albers famous color course, Horstman’s book is an invitation to engage directly with the phenomena of color, and will be followed by a hands-on workshop later in the year. His sculptures, prints, drawings, and installations examine natural structures and the human relationship with nature through materials and methods he has developed alongside his work with the Alberses.



The 3rd **Eli Whitney Barn Show** will run **May 29th – June 1st**. If you attended, you know that there is a lot of space for large paintings and sculptures. Members will be able to enter two pieces of art per person as before (however only one quilt), and non-members will be permitted one piece. The show is non-juried for entries but judged for awards by **William Butcher**. On line registration will open **April 16th**. Entries must be submitted electronically through the Hamden Art League website by midnight **Wednesday, May 14th**. Submission of a digital image of artwork is required. **Receiving will be Wednesday, May 28th**. **Pick up is Sunday, June 1st**.

- * [Prospectus](#)
- * [Link to Registration](#)
- * [Link to Registration Payment](#)
- * [Award Solicitation Letter](#)

William C. Butcher, Juror, is a graduate of the Drake University School of Fine Art where he earned BFA and MFA degrees in painting. He studied painting and drawing with internationally recognized artists Cornelis Ruhtenberg, Jules Kirschenbaum and Gaylord Torrence. William went on to teach visual art including drawing, painting, sculpture and architecture at Suffield Academy in Suffield Ct. where he chaired the Visual Art Department for nearly forty years. In his Time at Suffield Academy William oversaw the design and construction of new visual art studios and a sculpture workshop that doubled as a technical theater workshop. William also did extensive theatrical set design and construction and served as a technical director for school productions.

President of the Connecticut Academy of Fine Arts (C.A.F.A.), and a member of Kehler Liddell Gallery in New Haven CT. William has exhibited widely, received numerous awards and has artwork in private collections in New York, Boston, Kansas City, Phoenix Arizona, Suffield and New Haven Connecticut, Cologne Germany, London England, Jamaica, Bermuda and Japan.

Volunteer to Help with the Show: We need at least 8-10 people to assist with receiving artwork and hanging the show on Wednesday, May 28th. Drop off is between 11am-1pm and 4-6pm; while hanging and placing artwork will happen all day long. Dismantling the show will occur on Sunday, June 2nd between 4-6pm, and we also need volunteers to assist with this task. The Barn is a large space, and hanging this exhibition will be more physically demanding than our exhibitions at Miller Senior Center. Please take this into consideration when you volunteer. <https://forms.gle/Vahk8jStYLAVCeBd8>

We also need volunteers at least 2 people to stay inside the Barn while the Exhibition is open to the public. Each sitting session will be approximately 1-1/2 hours in length. Hours are on the form. <https://forms.gle/6dm5qnLS6crRHWgn8>

We really need your assistance with **Membership Supported Award for the Barn Show**

Have you wanted to sponsor an award for one of our Exhibitions but don't feel you can spring for the whole amount? Well here is your chance to contribute as little as \$10 to a Membership sponsored award for our upcoming Barn Show in May. Just click on the link below and your contribution will be gratefully accepted. <https://www.hamdenartleague.org/join--pay.html>. If you would prefer to donate with a check or cash, do so at the May meeting.

Free Open Studio Sessions end on April 24th. We will begin **Plein Aire Sessions** every Thursday, weather permitting. The locations of each Plein Aire Session will be posted on the HAL website, as well as general directions from Hamden. Note there is a calendar that includes this information on the home page of the website. You can download the calendar to your personal device.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Eli Whitney Museum & Workshop hosts an art auction and celebration to raise funds for k-12 students in the Greater New Haven community during their Leonardo Challenge. The **Leonardo Challenge** theme is "Leonardo's Landscape", and takes place on Thursday, **May 15th**. If you are interested in donating artwork sign up using [this link](#), or going to their [website](#). To thank artists for generously donating their work to the benefit, they will receive one admission ticket and a special event item.

Carol Lambiase has an exhibit of 33 paintings at Elim Park, Lobby of Nelson Hall, 150 Cook Hill Road in Cheshire. They will be on display until the end of June. The public is welcome to browse!

Cheshire Art League has announced their **2025 Spring Exhibit** at the Cheshire Library, 104 Main St., Cheshire. The exhibit runs from **May 2nd to May 30th**. Check Cheshire Library for hours.



Remember the **Great Give**, May 7 and 8. Donating to HAL at that time gives us a chance to win one of the random gifts (funds!) that are distributed over the two days. We won two in the short time that we have been part of the Great Give, thus giving our budget a boost. <https://www.thegreatgive.org/organizations/hamden-art-league>

The **Garden Club of New Haven** invites painters to join **Plein Air Painters** on the New Haven Green as they celebrate their Centennial. May 10th, 10 am to 4 pm. To register contact janesnaider@gmail.com

En Plein Air in Elizabeth Park for Rose Weekend 2025, Saturday, June 14, 2025, 10:00 am and 4:00 pm
“Painters in the Park”. The landscape of Elizabeth Park offers an unlimited source of subject matter:
A world-famous rose garden, greenhouses and structures, hidden spaces and trails, trees, bridges and
waterscape, and more gardens. Artists to sign in at the Cottage Office. There are bathrooms and a kitchen if
you want to use the refrigerator. RSVP to Kathy if you plan to attend at kathyk@elizabethparkct.org

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